

REMARKS

A Notice of Allowance was mailed on 7 November 2003 in the above-captioned application, and the issued fee was submitted on 2 February 2004.

The Amendments of the Specification

In a Submission of Formal Drawings dated 29 October 2001, 16 sheets of formal drawings were submitted. Sheet 5 was inadvertently submitted in duplicate, and sheet 6 was inadvertently omitted. The present Amendment replaces sheet 5 and sheet 6 with new drawing sheet 5 and sheet 6, respectively (as enclosed in Attachment A).

Basis for this Amendment is found in the 16 sheets of informal drawings as filed with the application on 29 October 2001. Basis is also found in the Preliminary Amendment filed on 29 October 2001, which included redline versions of sheet 5 and of sheet 6. The present Amendment does not introduce new matter.

Objection Under 37 CFR § 1.84(p)

In the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached to the above Notice Regarding Drawings, the draftsperson objected that the numbers and reference characters were allegedly not plain and legible for Fig 4A-A – 4A-D. In addition, under "Comments", the draftsperson suggested deleting sheet no. 6, as it appeared to be the same as sheet no. 5.

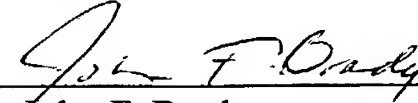
In the drawing sheets no. 5 and no. 6 as submitted herein, the numbers and reference characters are plain and legible. It is believed that all of the drawings are now in compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.84(p) and withdrawal of the objection is requested.

No fees are believed due in connection with this submission. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional required fees, or credit any overpayment, to Dorsey & Whitney LLP, Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No. A-72076-4 (470438-16)).

Respectfully submitted,

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